

The New Nation & Constitution – Test Review Sheet

Resources used in studying the new nation and the Constitution have included: the history textbook, homework worksheets, classwork handouts, discussions, and the Constitution itself. The worksheets, in particular, feature valuable practice questions. Remember, if you want, you can use the U.S. Constitution app on your iPad during the test, to look up information in the text of the document itself.

Building A New Government

- What problems did the newly independent nation face?
- What is a *republic*? What is a *federation*?
- What were the concerns over a strong central government?

The Articles Of Confederation

- What powers did the Articles of Confederation grant to Congress?
- What were the problems with the Articles of Confederation?

The Constitutional Convention

- Why did delegates meet at a convention? Who was elected president?
- What was the Virginia Plan? What was the New Jersey Plan?
- How did *compromise* play an important role in preserving the Convention and in creating the new system of government?
- What was the Great Compromise? What was the Three-Fifths Compromise?

The Constitution

- What are the three branches of government? What powers does each branch have?
- What articles in the Constitution give them these powers?
- Why did Federalists and Anti-Federalists disagree about ratifying the Constitution?

Checks and Balances

- Why did the Constitution create three branches of government?
- How does each branch balance the power of other branches? What are examples?

Powers of State and National Governments

- What is *federalism*? How do the national and state governments balance power?
- What are delegated powers?
- What are reserved powers?
- What are concurrent powers?

The Bill Of Rights

- What is the process of making amendments to the Constitution?
- What is the purpose of the Bill of Rights? Why was it added to the Constitution?
- What freedoms do the first ten amendments give the American people?

Other Material

- What were some other important amendments to the Constitution?
- How does a bill become a law?
- How does the Electoral College choose the president?